progress. For remaining 11 bridges in Karnataka, proposal for rehabilitation forwarded by the State PWD were not found to be as per site requirements and the State PWD has been requested to modify the proposal to be in line with the site requirements. The modified proposals have not been received.

(b) These bridges are very old, constructed about 50 years back, and being very close to the sea, are exposed to saline conditions. The plying of overloaded vehicles on these bridges has also contributed towards the distressed condition of these bridges.

(c) and (d) There is a provision of Rs. 2.00 crores in the Annual Plan 2006-07 for the rehabilitation of distressed bridges. The time for completion will be known after the sanction of proposals.

Earth Station at Gulbarga and Belgaum

1153. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of an Earth Station and Incubation Centre in Gulbarga and Belgaum is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Government of Karnataka had requested for setting up of two Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centres at Gulbarga and Belgaum. Government of India has agreed for setting up of STPI centre at Gulbarga.

For setting up of STPI centre at Gulbarga, the State Government has to make available 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 crore to STPI.

Work contracts to outside contractors in Assam

1154. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work contracts in Assam are given to outside contractors who in turn give sub-contracts to the local people for the execution of works;

(b) if so, the reasons for work contracts not being given by NBCC to the local contractors from Assam; and

(c) the present status of the project works undertaken by NBCC in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Government's construction agencies such as CPWD and NBCC are not precluded from awarding contracts to successful bidders, irrespective of their State of origin. The bidders are to have the requisite qualifications and capabilities. Sub-contracting with prior permission is envisaged in CPWD's standard procedures. NBCC reports that it is not aware of sub-contracts.

(b) Assam contractors are free to participate in the bidding process. The NBCC has awarded 5 such contractors work out of 12 works taken up in Assam.

(c) Status of projects undertaken by NBCC is indicated in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Status of Developmental Projects taken up by NBCC in Assam

Sl. No.	Financial Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Expenditure incurred on the projects till June, 06 (VWD) (Rs. in Lacs)	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD)					
1.	2002-03	Integrated development of Guwahati Municipal Corpn. Roads/Bylanes.	2426.54	2333.25	Completed
2.	2002-03	Storm Water Drainage for Noonmati areas of Guwahati.	2468.59	2377.01	Completed
3.	2003-04	Construction of Storm Water Drainage System for Silapathar, Assam	2043.10 (Orig) 2238.31 (Rev.)	7.04	to be awarded
4.	2005-06	Improvement of Lanes and Bylanes of Guwahati-Ph. II, Assam.	2416.45	974.28	work in progress
		TOTAL:	9,549.89 (Based on the revised cost of Silapathar project)	5691.58	

1	2	3	4	5	6
Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA)					
1.	2001-02	Housing for Safai Karamchari at slum pockets (Solapara & Marasoli) in Guwahati.	746.00	380.48	Work completed and handed over for 10 blocks, work for other 11 blocks, could not be done in want of hindrance free site for the same. Project fore closed.
2.	2002-03	180 Housing dwelling units for Safai Karamchari at Borsajal, Guwahati.	821.00	710.09	Completed.
3.	2004-05	Construction of 4-storeyed RCC building for LIG category at Borsajal, Guwahati (plot of land 6945 sqm.)	2071.50	806.36	Work in progress.
4.	2004-05	Construction of 4 storeyed RCC building for LIG category at Borsojal, Guwahati (plot of land 12435 sqm.)	2123.04	1168.59	Work in progress.
5.	2004-05	Construction of market complex for rehabilitation of vendors at Deragaon	1641.42	184.50	Work in progress.
		TOTAL:	7402.96	3250.02	
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)					
1.	2004-05	100 Bedded hospital at Kajalgaon, Kokrajhar in the Bodo Land Territorial Council (BTC) area of Assam.	4190.75	1314.46	Work in progress.
		TOTAL:	4190.75	1314.46	

1	2	3	4	5	6
Clients other than MOUD/HUPA/Doner					
1.	2000-01	Construction of Local Head Office for SBI in Guwahati.	1270.31	1270.31	Completed.
2.	2003-04	Income Tax Building in Guwahati (incl. Elec. sub-station and Lift)	1231.70 (Orig.)	1056.64	Work in progress
		TOTAL:	2502.01	2326.95	
		GRAND TOTAL :	23645.61	12583.01	

Non utilisation of funds

1155. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Committee on Urban Development have taken a serious view of the failure of his Ministry to utilise over Rs. 300 crores for Central Government sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the main reasons put forward by his Ministry for not utilising these funds;

(c) the main schemes on which these funds have not been fully utilised;

(d) whether State Government were responsible for not utilising the funds; and

(e) the steps taken to implement these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, the Parliament Committee on Urban Development did raise an issue on unspent balances from the 10th Plan outlay and the following information in respect of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes indicating allocations and expenditure during 2005-06 was given to the committee:—

Utilisation of funds under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes

(*Rs. in crore*)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	B.E. (2005-06)	R.E. (2005-06)	Expenditure (2005-06)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT)	100.00	115.00	112.54
2.	Mega City Scheme	150.00	175.00	174.52